

## HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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Wednesday, May 30, 2007

8:30 a.m.

519 House Office Building

Representative Melton, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Melton, Valentine, Angerer, Brown, Corriveau, Dean, Hopgood, Lindberg, Miller, Polidori, Scott, Moolenaar, Emmons, Steil, Pearce, Hildenbrand, Schuitmaker and Knollenberg.

Representative Brown moved to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2007 meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The committee received testimony on Public School Retirement Healthcare from the following people:

Phil Stoddard, representing the Michigan Office of Retirement Services,  
Brian Whiston, representing the Oakland Schools,  
Don Wotruba, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards,  
Dave Campbell, representing the Olivet Schools,  
Ellen Hoekstra, representing the Retirement Coordinating Council,  
Al Short, representing the Michigan Education Association.

Representative Valentine moved to excuse Representatives Byrum, Clack and Meisner.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Representatives Byrum, Clack and Meisner.

The committee received testimony on Public Employee Insurance Pooling from the following people:

Ken Ross and Fran Wallace, representing the Office of Financial and Insurance Services,\*  
David Hecker and Louis Somalski, representing the American Federation of Teachers,\*  
Suzanne Paranjpe, representing the AFL-CIO Employer Purchasing Coalition,  
Cynthia Irwin, representing the Michigan Education Special Services Association.

Due to time, the following people were not able to speak:

Ken Fletcher, representing the AFL-CIO,  
Cynthia Paul, representing the Service Employee International Union,

Ellen Hoekstra, representing the International Union Operating Engineers, Local 547,  
Kathleen Merry, representing the Wayne Regional Education Service Agency,  
Robert LeFevre, representing the Macomb Intermediate School District,  
Wendy Block, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce,  
Matt Tomasiewicz, representing the Kalamazoo, Muskegon and Ottawa Intermediate School  
Districts.

Representative Moolenaar moved to excuse Representatives Hoogendyk and Opsommer.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Representatives Hoogendyk and Opsommer.

With no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the  
time being 10:30 a.m.

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Representative Tim Melton, Chair

Ben Cook  
Committee Clerk  
May 30, 2007  
2 hours

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Date Approved and Signed

\* indicates written material submitted.